'The Fungus' in Uttaranchal forests even though the villagers are known to traditionally collect the herb for their personal use.

(b) The Government of Uttaranchal has initiated long and short term measures for protection of this Fungus which is used in preparation of some herbal medicine. The measures include long range patrolling in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve and Pindari Glaciers.

(c) Presently there are no plans for utilizing this natural resource as a medicine at the level of the Government.

Coastal Zone Management Plan for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai

1880. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage of approval and clearance the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, stands at present, with respect to various issues under consideration and correspondence since 1998, with Maharashtra Government;

(b) the cost escalation suffered by various projects;

(c) whether the high tide combined with heavy rains and floods this season has added gravity to the need for well planned Coastal Zone Management System; and

(d) if so, what special steps are being taken to put the CZMP in place expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Central Government had approved the Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) of Maharashtra on 27th September, 1996 with certain conditions and modifications which included the stretches of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. The Government of Maharashtra had submitted the revised CZMP of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai in November, 1998. Keeping in view the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone, Notification, 1991 as amended from time to time the Central Government approved the revised CZMP of Mumbai on 19th January, 2000. The revised CZMP of Navi Mumbai, however, was not approved since it was not in accordance with the said notification.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After gaining experience from implementation of the CRZ Notification over a decade, Ministry is of the firm view that there is a need to ensure that the regulations are firmly founded on scientific principles to ensure effective protection of the coastal environmental resources. Accordingly, the Ministry constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. The broad recommendations of the Report have been accepted by the Ministry. One of the recommendations of the report includes preparation of CZMPs based on vulnerability of the coast to natural and man made hazards. The Central Government has already initiated steps for demarcation of the Vulnerability Line along the coastal areas.

National Policy on Food Processing

1881. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to bring out the National Policy on Food Processing;

(b) the salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) what are the measures Government are taking to promote food processing sector in the country;

(d) what are the comprehensive guidelines issued by Government for project approvals;

(e) whether Government are considering to have a single window system for project approvals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has initiated action for formulating a National Food Processing Policy. The draft Policy envisages